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Kentucky biodiversity book now available in public schools *Popular book now in second printing*

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Aug. 18, 2015) – After selling out the first printing of its book, “Kentucky’s Natural Heritage, an Illustrated Guide to Biodiversity,” the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission (KSNPC) today announced that a second printing will place the book in every middle, high school, college and university library in the Commonwealth. The reprint of the coffee-table book and gift to Kentucky’s school libraries was made possible by a grant from the Owsley Brown II Family Foundation.

Don Dott, executive director of KSNPC, said the beautifully illustrated book helps promote the mission of the commission as well as making young Kentuckians aware of the need to be attentive to the environment around them and raise awareness of the amazing biological diversity that is unique to Kentucky. “This publication, produced by KSNPC staff, encourages young people to learn more about the fundamentals of a healthy environment and ensures that knowledge will be passed along to students and the public alike.”

Dott added that the reprinted edition will also be made available to the public through retail outlets.

With school getting underway across Kentucky, the KSNPC also announced that it is partnering with Kentucky Educational Television (KET) and the University Press of Kentucky to develop online resources for grades 4-12. These interactive sessions are based on images and information from the book. It can be found at

<http://www.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/kentuckys-natural-heritage-an-interactive-guide-to-biodiversity/>.

The digital collection will also include video segments from “Kentucky Life,” KET’s popular weekly magazine program. The collection is available at PBS LearningMedia, a free online educational service offered online through KET’s EncycloMedia at <http://ket.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/kybio/kybio/>.

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